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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 4 and ending on line 7 with the amended paragraph as set forth below. Applicant avers that no new matter has been added.

--The present invention relates to a method ~~as defined in the preamble of claim 1~~, and an apparatus ~~as defined in the preamble of claim 4~~, for the processing of food portions.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 25 and ending on Page 2, line 4 with the amended paragraph as set forth below. Applicant avers that no new matter has been added.

--The object of the present invention is to change this traditional way of action by automating the chain of foodstuff processing for the preparation of daily food portions in a manner unknown so far. In this way, the amount of work needed for meals in homes, institutions, such as old-age homes, and in small offices is reduced considerably. Likewise, making food is made easier and will be possible even for people who are unable or unwilling to prepare their own food. To achieve this object, the method according to the invention where the food portions are delivered to a cold storage space by a user and are then moved with the activation of a heating phase to a heating unit. The food portion is then heated and after it is properly heated it is ready for serving. Both the heating space and the cold storage space are both provided within a single apparatus which can be connected to a telecommunications network to a supplier of food stuffs or similar organization. ~~is characterized by the features defined in the characterisation part of claim 1, and the~~ The apparatus according to the invention includes a cold storage space and a heating unit which are integrated into a single assembly. Both the cold storage space and the heating unit can be controlled by a means for a control center and a user interface. ~~is characterised by the features defined in the characterization part of claim 4.~~ Other preferred embodiments of the invention are characterised by what is presented in the other claims.